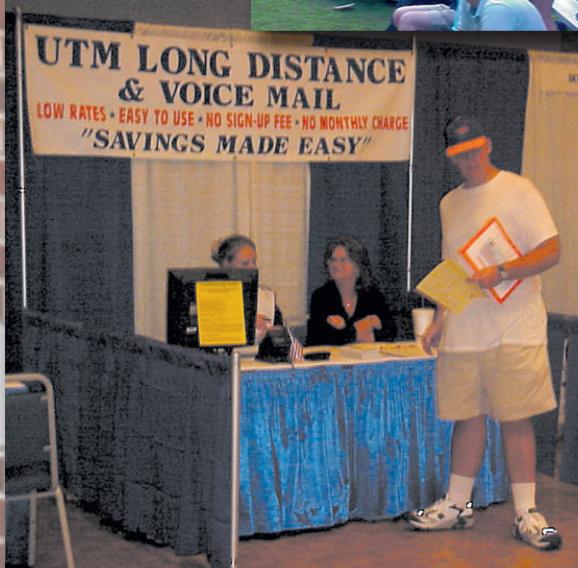


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## Welcome back to the bottom, or not?

Stephen Yeargin  
Executive Editor



Freshman. It brings back terrible high school memories of being last in line, showing up for the wrong class twice in the same day, and that really hot girl who turned you down with a laugh.

Ok, maybe that was just me.

There are a few other things that will be different from your high school experience, and most changes are just what you need. Relax, there won't be a quiz.

First things first: That nagging voice that got your rear up in the mornings is gone, only to be replaced by an alarm clock that you will inevitably throw against the wall or a roommate that you'd like to.

That terrific food you got regular times of the day is also history, replaced by 3 a.m. rides to the gas station for anything approaching edible.

Somehow, the notorious Freshman 15 will

still happen, even when you're sure that paper-thin chicken sandwich from the cafeteria couldn't have been that fattening. It's time to exercise a little self restraint.

Last thing that has changed in the short months between high school and now: Money. Please take whatever of it is in your purse or wallet out right now and take a long, hard look at it.

Those dead presidents never seem to go the distance in college, so spend them wisely, or your parents WILL stop sending them. If you don't think you can, please donate to the Pacer's Grownup Entertainment Fund. We'll happily waste it for you.

But not everything in college is like this. This part I will quiz you on, so pay attention.

This is a fact: UTM students who do not get involved with extracurricular stuff leave after one or two semesters.

Class can only be so stimulating; your brain needs fun too.

Join something. If nothing interests you, create an organization that does. I don't want to hear the excuse that there's nothing to do in Martin. What I really hear when someone says that to me is that they won't get off their lazy

ass and do something.

We've provided a list of student groups who would love to talk to you. Please don't hurt their feelings by making them sit long hours by the phone, waiting for your call.

Find your balance between the books and fun, even if it means you have to tip the scales every now and then.

Never get the idea just because you're the new kid on the block you can't change things. More real work to improve our campus is done by first and second year students than upperclassmen and alumni combined.

Finally, contrary to what you may have heard, the Student Government Association did not pass a law requiring all freshmen to leave on the weekends. So please, exercise your right to STAY ON CAMPUS.

I would hate to personally set up road blocks on all roads leaving Martin just to keep you here. However, my friends at the Department of Transportation are already on standby. Don't tempt me.

These days are indeed the best days of your life. My hopes and prayers are with each of you.

Stephen is the Executive Editor of The Pacer. You can reach him at [stephen@yeargin.com](mailto:stephen@yeargin.com).

## College is just the beginning, but important

Former Pacer Editor speaks of life beyond college

Matthew B. Crouch  
Editor, 2002-2003

You never know where life may lead you.

This has become a phrase that has become all too familiar to me in the past couple of months. One could have safely assumed that when I wrote my final column in the last issue of spring 2003 that it would be my last.

Well, if is just past 10 p.m. ET and I am sitting in Hartford, Conn. How I got here is an all new story in itself, which leads me to the point of this one.

Never limit yourself.

This is a point that I have carried with me for some time now. I try to make my decisions for myself or at least let them go at the will that my life is supposed to leave.

So, when I was sitting in Atlanta, Ga., doing my internship with the American Junior Golf Association, and two weeks away from starting a new internship at Indiana University, the last thing on my mind was the possibility of a change in that plan.

The AJGA offered me a full-time position to stay working in their Communications Department.

After a great deal of thought, of which several of my friends can attest to phone calls seeking advice, I decided to take the position.

As part of taking the job, they wanted me to spend the rest of the summer on the road working golf tournaments to really see what they are trying to do out here. I've been on the

road since July 5.

My assignment is the northeast and I have spent time in Mich., Pa., Del., N.J. and now Conn. I have to make a return-trip back to Pa., and finish my tour in Cape Cod, Mass.

Trust me, there is a point and I am getting there.

Sometimes you just have to take a chance. It may not feel right at the time or you may have some reservations. But definitely be open to suggestion.

I have met some great people this summer. People from all walks of life and backgrounds. I would like to think that I have made some great friends in the people I have traveled and worked with.

These have been worthy life experiences, and are leading to what could be a great career.

I am from Paris, Tenn., and I have friends there that are totally content with spending the rest of their life there.

That is their decision.

But if you would really like to get out and experience what life has to offer, let "limit" be nothing but a word in your vocabulary that you hardly use.

Do not hold yourself back from anything, because what may seem like a simple decision today could lead to a whole new world tomorrow.

On July 5, 2003 I sat in an airplane on my way to my first tournament in Mich. I've had such a great experience since then. I've seen parts of the country that I never would have otherwise

and have been able to meet people that there is now way I could have met in any other capacity.

A month ago I was able to stand almost touching-distance from Michael Jordan and watch him play golf. Tonight I was able to meet and hear a speech from tennis-great Ivan Lendl.

When I think of where my life has led me this summer, I am amazed.

I learned a lot from UT Martin. Some of the best times of my life were experienced there and I would not trade those for anything. It taught me well and I feel I have taken advantage of what my degree symbolizes.

But, the challenge is what you do with that upon leaving those academic walls.

Life is what you make of it. There are only certain things that you can do while you are young.

Always go in with the attitude that you are not holding yourself back from something that could be great. Do this and you will never have any regrets.

Freshman class of 2004, I welcome you to UTM. I love this place with all my heart, and thought I cannot be there now, I wish nothing but the best for it and all of you.

I look forward to the times that I will be able to visit as an alum and hopefully meet some of you.

Take care of my university and it will take care of you.

Matt Crouch is a 2003 graduate of UTM. He is currently on tour with the American Junior Golf Association..

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# Future holds no regrets for the past

**Kevin Teets**  
Managing Editor

How many times have you heard the phrase, "Welcome to UT-Martin?" It's a combination of words that for some spills from a tongue of true hospitality. For others, it is a combination of words that guarantees their paycheck will be signed every month. Whatever their motive is, one thing is true: You are at the beginning of an adventure.



People welcome you now, and hopefully in four years after tuition has been doubled a total of three hundred times, they will welcome you to the graduation line as well. But here is the real question: When you leave in four years, what will you carry with you? Hopefully you will carry more than a soon to be dust covered diploma and a plethora of student loans. Hopefully, you will carry with you individuality and meaning to last a life time.

One of the most overlooked freedoms of being in college is the freedom to make your own decisions. There will be many people along your adventure as a college student that will try to help and mold the directions that you take in life. Most often, your parents are these people. We all know our parents mean well and are usually right nine out of ten times. But, just remember that this is the time to live for you. I think you will be happier in the long run.

One of my friends in high school is a great example of this. More than anything else in the world, John loves to draw. He would spend hours in classes sketching away on notebook paper. To the teachers, it looked as if he were being studious and documenting the lectures. Art was his passion, but instead of majoring in art, he majored in biology because his parents wanted him

to be a doctor. Just this past year, he changed his major from biology to art. Yes, his parents were a bit upset. But, he would have never been happy as a doctor.

My point is that you should live the life that you choose. Indeed you should take advice and recommendations. Some you should entertain, while others you should forget. Just always make sure that the road you are paving is the road that you wish to travel.

When starting this adventure, leave all your regrets behind. We can all look back at our lives and see the things that we wish we didn't see at all. Maybe it was that time you said something really stupid in class. Maybe it was that time when you wrecked your dad's car. Or, maybe it was that time you were out with some friends and did some things that you regret. Whatever it may be, don't look back at the things you wish you could have done differently. Your past is what has made you who you are. Face the fact that you cannot have a new beginning, but also realize that you can have a new end.

The most valued thing that I will carry across the graduation line with me is the memories of spending time with my friends. I thought that I would always be in touch with those that were close to me in high school. But now, I could count on one hand how many of my high school friends I've talked to in the last six months.

If you become involved in college, you will meet many lifelong friends. Some of the friends you meet will likely be the same ones that will stand beside you on your wedding day. They will be the friends that are there with you to celebrate and have a good time when things are going well. Or, they will be the friends that are there with you when things aren't going that great.

Only hours ago, I returned from my grandpa's funeral in Indianapolis. One of my friends traveled with me

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Watch for the Sodexho dining menus and other news in upcoming Pacer issues!

on this trip so that I wouldn't be alone. Six weeks ago, my uncle passed away because of lung cancer. I was here in Martin when I got the phone call. Thanks to my friends, I was able to cope with the situation. Life throws us all curve balls time and again, and I am grateful to have some awesome people to turn to when I need help.

Each and every one of you should engage yourselves into some aspect of campus life. Through these activities, you will meet the people that you will cherish four years from now and for a lifetime. You may learn about Pythagorean theorem and alchemy in the classroom, but you and your friends will learn about life outside of the classroom.

And, it is these out of the classroom experiences that I feel are the most important in college. If you have never dyed a white shirt pink, you will. If you've never gone to bed as the sun is coming up, you will. If you've never considered ramen noodles and milk to be a full course meal, you will. If you have never taken a road trip on a five-minute notice, you will.

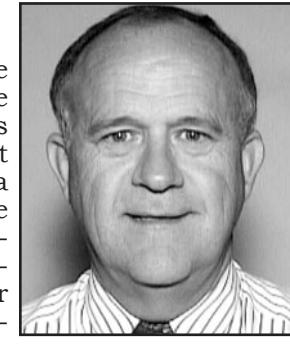
If you do not do all of these things and live your collegiate experience to its fullest, then you are getting ripped off. I challenge each of you to get involved and get your moneys worth. We all complain about how much tuition is, but the opportunities that become available are worth more than we will ever pay. No, this adventure will not involve a trip on a roller coaster or the UT plane. This adventure will be a ride that some refer to as life.

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## From the Chancellor

Dear Students,

Welcome to The University of Tennessee at Martin! Whether this is your first semester at UT Martin or you are a returning student, we are glad to have you on campus! We hope that everyone had a great summer and is ready for a productive year.



We have been busy over the summer break planning and preparing the campus for the 2003-2004 year to include: renovations to several buildings, upgrades to our technology, and access to our wireless network in a few buildings. Other improvements in classrooms and student-lounge areas will soon be made possible through funds generated by the Facility Fee.

I urge each of you to explore your degree program's initiatives and activities in order to make the most of your academic experience. At the same time, take advantage of the leadership opportunities and become involved in campus life. We have a great university whose faculty and staff are dedicated to helping you reach your educational objectives.

Have a great year at UT Martin. I look forward to seeing you at many campus events.

Sincerely,

Nick Dunagan  
Chancellor

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# Property inventory sheet to aid officers track stolen goods

With a new semester beginning at UTM the Office of Public Safety has a number of tips for students to follow to keep themselves and their belongings as safe as possible.

This semester also marks the beginning of a new Property Inventory program.

All students living in the dorms will be provided with a form to complete with brand, model and serial number of expensive equipment such as computers, DVD players, stereos and televisions.

"We are encouraging students to complete these forms and keep them in a safe place," Coleman said. "Having this information on record helps us locate your property if it is ever stolen."

Theft on campus is not limited to the dorm rooms. Last year, the OPS e-mailed multiple security advisories to students and faculty alerting them of a rash of break-ins.

In response to this, the inventory sheet also contains a section labeled "Car" for CD players, radios, cell phones and speakers.

Students are also reminded to call 587-7777 (just dial 7777 on campus)

immediately if you think anything may have been stolen.

Also report suspicious activity, such as cars that cruise parking lots at night or people hanging around dorm entrances.

You can also file reports over the phone or via the Internet at <http://crime.utm.edu>.

## Other safety tips from OPS include:

Keep all doors and windows locked during any absence, whether you live in a dorm, apartment or house.

Do not let strangers know you are alone.

Travel in numbers, especially when you are in an isolated area for some time.

Hold your purse or briefcase securely, close to your body. Keep backpacks zipped and don't leave them lying around anywhere.

Never hitchhike or pick up hitchhikers.

Keep curtains closed at night to prevent a prowler from gaining a view of you or learning you are not there.

Check identification of unknown

visitors before allowing them entrance.

Give only the necessary key(s) to a mechanic or parking attendant.

Do not tag keys with your name and address. Be especially careful not to attach your student ID card to your key ring.

Avoid driving alone at night or in deserted places.

Always lock your doors and windows.

Check front and rear seats before entering your car.

Lock all valuables in the trunk of your car, rather than leaving them where they can be seen.

Park in lots that are well-lit and well-traveled.

If you think you are being followed, change direction, keep looking back, and go to a well-lit area.

Do not block open hallway doors or the end doors to the dorms. You're inviting trouble to walk right in.

For more information about these and other tips, call the Office of Public Safety at 587-7777.

## Take a Minute

Please fill out the following sheet. Store in a safe place. It will assist the UTM Department of Public Safety if your property is lost or stolen.

### Your Personal Property Inventory Sheet

<b>Car</b>	5. Television
1. CD Player	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
2. Radio	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
3. Cell Phone	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
4. Assorted Speaker	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
6. Pay Station	
7. X-Box	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
8. Games	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
9. Digital Camera	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
10. Calculator	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
11. Refrigerator/Microwave	Brand _____ Model _____ Serial# _____
12. Books	_____ _____

Report All Thefts Immediately!!!  
587-7777

Sheet Compliments of Public Safety and Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Source: UTM OPS

Over the next few days, UTM Office of Public Safety will be distributing sheets like these to everyone who lives in the dorms.

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Regular hours during the school year are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and closed on Sunday.

For more information, visit the bookstore's Web site at <http://utm.bkstore.com/> or call 587-7760.

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Starts Friday

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**American Wedding**

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**Seabiscuit**

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**S.W.A.T.**

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- Residence Hall Association
- Student Government Association
- Student Activities Council
- Undergraduate Alumni Council

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- Psi Chi
- Rho Lambda
- Sigma Alpha Iota
- Tri Beta

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- Alpha Psi Omega
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- Broadcasting Guild
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- Criminal Justice Society
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- Up Till Dawn

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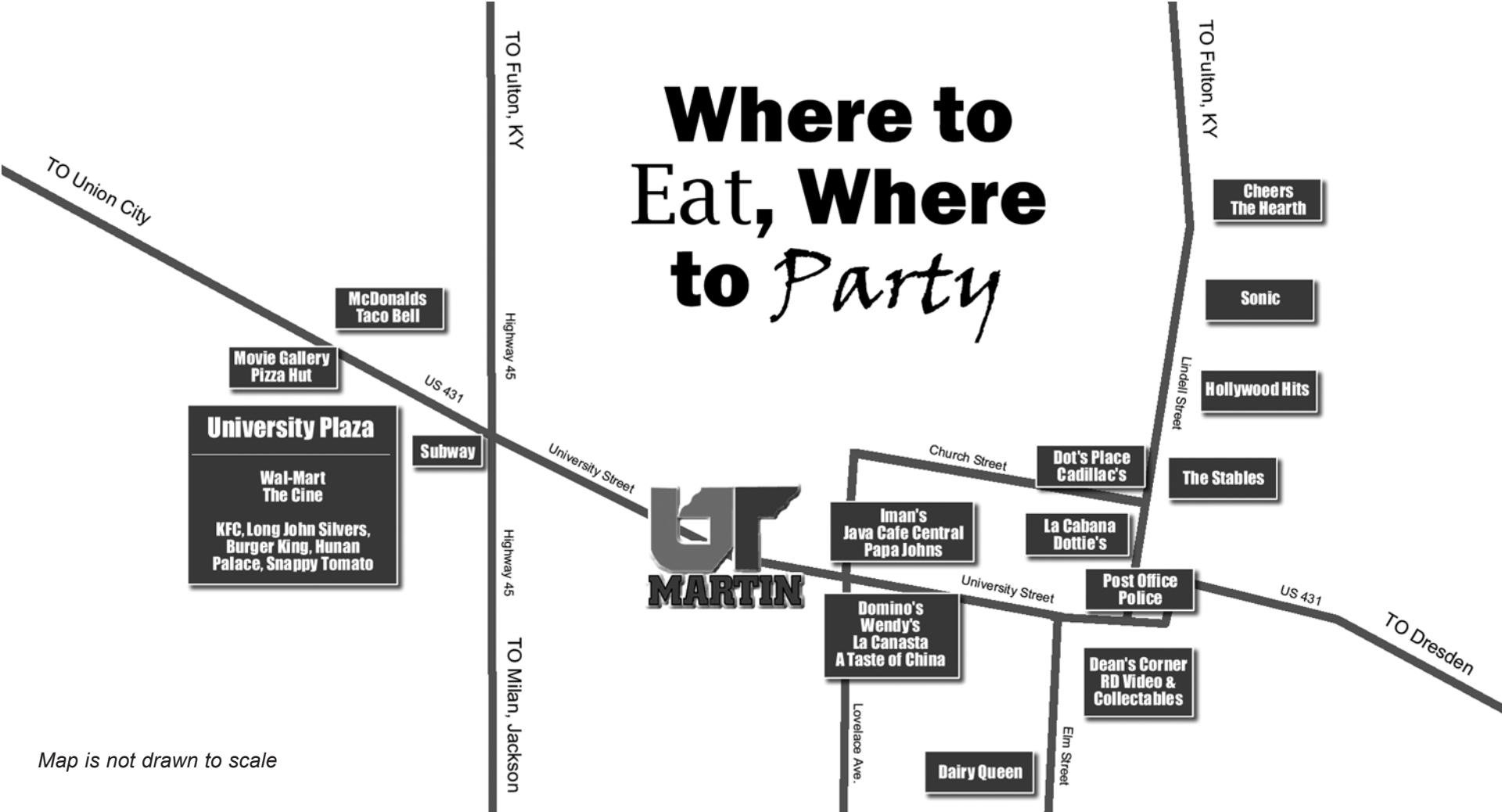
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# *Where to Eat in Martin*

## **A guide to local restaurants within a short distance of campus.**

<b>A Taste of China</b> 208 Lovelace Street 587-2110 <i>Chinese-American</i>	<b>Hearth Restaurant</b> 613 N. Lindell Street 587-9700 <i>Family Restaurant</i>	<b>La Cabana</b> 305 S. Lindell Street 587-2335 <i>Authentic Mexican</i>	<b>Pizza Hut</b> 780 University St 587-2508 <i>Dine-in or Delivery</i>	<b>Wendy's</b> 308 University Street 587-2110 <i>Burgers</i>
<b>Burger King</b> 854 University Street 588-0350 <i>Burgers</i>	<b>Hunan Palace</b> 112 Lovelace Ave 587-6516 <i>Chinese-American</i>	<b>La Canasta</b> 210 Lovelace Avenue 588-0298 <i>Mexican-American</i>	<b>Snappy Tomato's</b> 164 University Plaza Dr 588-7627 <i>Dine-in or Delivery</i>	<b>Please Note:</b>
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<b>Dean's Corner</b> 407 S. Lindell 587-5476 <i>Soups and Sandwiches</i>	<b>Java Cafe Central</b> 117 Lovelace Ave. 588-1010 <i>Cafe &amp; Sandwiches</i>	<b>McDonalds</b> 801 University St 587-3040 <i>Burgers</i>	<b>Subway</b> 810 University Street 587-0098 <i>Sub Sandwiches</i>	<i>Enjoy!</i>
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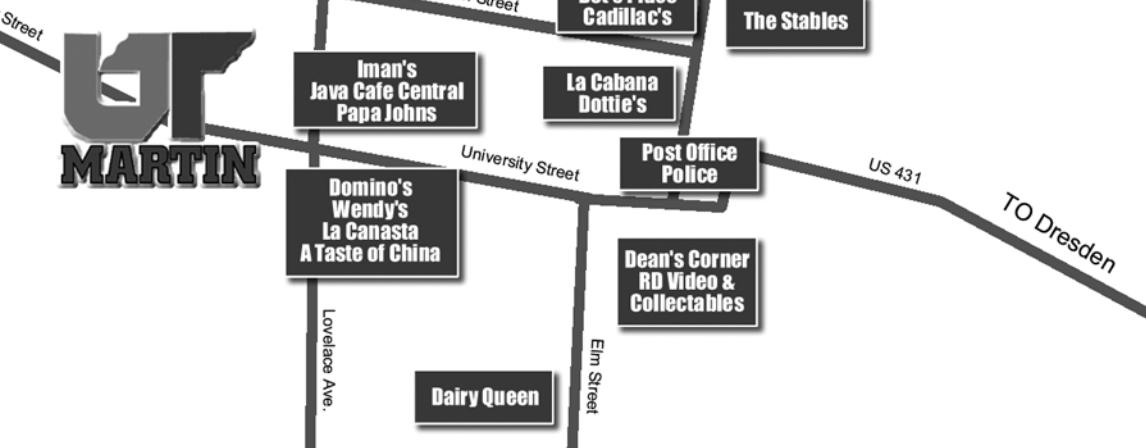
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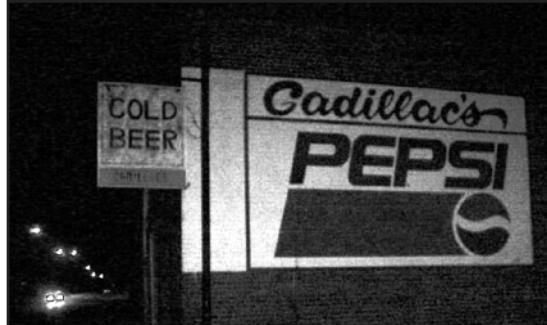
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# Here's how to survive dorm life

Moving from one place to another is hard enough, but when you move into a dorm, things are drastically different.

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Follow the golden rule. Treat others like you would want to be treated. There is nothing worse than treating your suitemate or roommate cruelly, because you will receive it in return.

Talk to each other to solve problems. Don't stew in your misery. Let your roommate know how you feel. Remember, they can't read your mind, just like you can't read theirs.

Talk to your resident assistant. He or she is there to help and smooth over any problem areas. It's quite possible you had a misunderstanding and it takes an outside mediator to show you both the error of your ways.

Finally, if all else fails, try to find a new roommate.

If you decide to move in with another person, be prepared to wait. But to make a room or roommate change, the Office of Residential Life provides the following steps to make it go easier.

First — Know what you want. Decide before you speak with the hall director if you want a private room or not and what floor you want to live on. If you want a different roommate, have one in mind.

Second — Be flexible. If you have a specific roommate, then compromise on what floor you want to live on.



Housing frequently holds events such as this barbecue to entertain its residents.

Third — Talk with your hall director. He or she will be able to help you, but maybe not right away. However, stay in touch and respond to their messages. If not, he or she will move on to the next person and you will be put at the end of the list.

Finally — Respond quickly when called. If others are present, just be patient and wait your turn.

Now, if you are settled in your room but notice a few repairs that need to be done, report them to the front desk. The front desk at your dorm will relay any problems to housing.

An emergency repair, such as a burst pipe, needs to be reported immediately and it will be taken care of as quickly as possible. However, a leaky ceiling or shower may take longer.

A light bulb can be changed by the resident unless it is a fluorescent

light. Light bulbs for bathrooms and above beds and mirrors are available at the front desk. Other items on hand for the resident to use are brooms, dust pans and mops in the trash or cleaning rooms of all dorms.

Your dorm is your place and responsibility, but you do have guidelines to follow, including:

- Halogen lamps, open coil appliances and any open flame items (including candles) are forbidden.
- Pets are not allowed.
- If any room damages occur, the resident will be billed for them.
- Obey quiet hours of your particular dorm, especially during finals week.
- Follow the general codes of conduct explained in the student handbook.
- Pay attention to the open house rules for your specific dorm.

## 'Got Major?' Not yet? Join those not scared to be 'undeclared'

Don't you hate having to spit out the word "Undeclared" to someone when they ask you what your major is?

It feels like you are from your own planet, representing those who are lost and indecisive. You just spent \$8,000 to pursue a degree in what? Being a fellow student of the planet undeclared, I think there are a few key items to remember about finding a major.

If all else fails, you may be interested in creating your own major. UTM now offers a Bachelor of University Studies degree. This degree is a combination of several classes in a field of your choosing. You may want to inquire about this to your advisor as well.

Whatever major you may choose, just remember to choose what is right for you. If you're leaning in a certain direction, then go for it! If you find that your first selection is not your cup of tea, then choose something else. Of course, these changes usually work better when done in your first years as opposed to switching your major your junior or senior year.

I can remember the chant that my pep group made last year, "Undeclared - We Ain't Scared." Hopefully, this is the truth with all you other indecisive people out there. You'll eventually figure it out, but until then you can find connection and humor in the phrase, "Got Major?"

The writer of this piece, Kevin Teets, actually is considering a triple major. Go figure.

The Pacer's first meeting will be 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in 316 Gooch. Meetings are open to the public.

## Call to worship

The UTM-Martin area has plenty of religious options for those searching for a church home. The following should help you get started, but is by no means a complete list.

### Campus Ministries

- Baptist Collegiate Ministries, 112 Hurt St., 587-2265
- Church of Christ Student Center, Mount Pelia Road, 587-2073
- Interfaith - Wesley Foundation, 312 Lovelace Ave., 587-2603

### Community Churches

- Trinity Presbyterian Church (also has a campus ministry), 145 Hannings Lane, 587-9718, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service
- First Assembly of God, 45 Bypass at Mount Pelia Road, 587-6349, 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday service
- Central Baptist Church, 106 University St., 587-5311, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday service
- First Baptist Church of Martin, 123 University St., 587-9555, 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday service
- Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 120 K St., 587-5124, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday service
- Southside Baptist Church, Peach Street, 587-3531, 9 and 10:20 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday service
- St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 104 Hannings Lane, 587-9777, Mass schedule: 9 a.m. Sunday, 5 p.m. daily (and at noon during Lent), Saturday vigil 5 p.m.
- Martin Church of Christ, 233 Oxford St., 587-2203, 10 a.m. Bible study, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study
- First United Methodist of Martin, 222 Main St., 587-2689, 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. worship, 5 p.m. fellowship supper and 6 p.m. praise worship on Wednesdays
- McCabe's United Methodist Church, 215 Hyndsvor Road, 587-5952, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. worship, 6 p.m. Wednesday service

## Help is just a phone call away

Freshmen, enjoy your freedom and have some fun, but hit the books, too. Of all college students, you're in the most danger of flunking out. Clip and save the numbers listed below and when you need help with academics or other issues, call somebody who can help you.

Student Academic Support Center, 7744  
Conditional Admission Advising, 7722  
CLEP Testing, 7727  
Counseling Center and Career Services, 7720  
Study Skills, Tutoring, 7720

Athletics-Academics, 7662  
Math Lab, 7394  
Reading Center, 7214  
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# SGA Freshman Council offers many opportunities

**Kevin Teets**  
Managing Editor

If you were involved in student government in high school, then you need to look into Freshmen Council!

After graduating high school in 2002, I came to the university with an eagerness to become involved in student government. My senior year at Northwest High in Clarksville was spent as President of the Student Government Association.

I had also been a class representative for three other years. I wanted to continue my involvement on the campus of UTM.

If you are one of those people that have left high school with student government experience, or if you have a desire to become involved for the first time, I encourage you to check out the Freshmen Council at UTM.

Freshmen Council is the governing body for the freshmen class. It is a daughter organization of the SGA. Each year the Vice President of SGA acts as the advisor for the Freshmen Council.

Last year, I served along with about 30 other students on Freshmen Council. It was a great way to become involved and learn a lot about on campus leadership. One of our biggest projects was hosting a Talent Show for the student body.

I can still remember the hard work that so many of my peers invested in to making sure the talent

show went smoothly. We spent many hours laying out the details of the show hoping that everything would go as smoothly as possible.

This was our first event of the year and as president of the organization, I felt like everything that we would be in the future was invested in whether or not this one event was a success or a failure.

I can still remember what it felt like to step into Watkins Auditorium and see it packed with guests that had come to attend our show. The hard work by so many on the talent show had paid off.

Arguably one of the biggest benefits about Freshmen Council is that it gives you experience and leadership to carry on to SGA. I will now be serving as a Senator for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Several other council members are now on Senate as well.

If you think this sounds like something you would be interested in, then I challenge you to check it out! Freshmen council is a rewarding experience and a lot of fun! If you're looking for more information, visit the SGA office, located upstairs in 214 UC. Also, watch for postings about the availability of applications.

*Kevin is the former Freshman Council President, and current SGA senator for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.*

## Who represents me in the SGA Senate?

**Erika Jacobsen**  
Staff Writer



**President  
Jennifer  
Ogg**

Department are Josh Davis, Robert Hoffman, and Landon Loveall.

For the department of Business and Public Affairs, the senate consists of Dusty Dean, Clarissa Porterfield, Matt Maxey, Joey Pierce, and Laura Harber.

The department of Engineering and Natural Sciences consists of Marqueta Abraham and Brian Luck.

For the office of Education and Science, the Senate consists of Candace Tate, Ann-Marie Lovelace, Jeff Hall, and Elizabeth Reynolds. The Humanities and Fine Arts Senate consists of Beth Anderton, Jacob Crouch, and Kevin Teets.

Beth Anderton, a member of the Senate for the Humanities and Fine Arts, said, "I'm really excited about the upcoming year for SGA and the University of Tennessee at Martin. The changes that are going to occur will be beneficial to everybody here at UTM, and that is our main goal in SGA."

SGA elections are held during the first few weeks of April of every year.

The new officers were sworn in on Tuesday, April 15 in the University Center Auditorium.

Starting the inauguration with the introduction was Past Producers Chair Elizabeth Craig, followed by last years SGA President, Eric Tolbert; Vice President, Nikki Draper; and Secretary General, Jason Rushing, who said a few words each about their term in office and their hopes for the new year.

The new Vice President, Beau Pemberton, did the swearing in of the Senate. After the Senate was sworn in, the new President, Ogg, took the stage and said a few words about her hopes for the upcoming year.

There are many goals that the SGA has for the upcoming year, and with hardworking new officers, those goals are sure to be achieved. "I really enjoyed serving as President this year and wish all the luck for the officers for next year," said past President Eric Tolbert.

The new Senate officers for the Agriculture and Applied Sciences

# Welcome Freshmen!

**Are you looking for a way to get involved at UTM?**

Freshmen Council is a great way to represent your student body by helping to make changes on the campus and to get involved with SGA.

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# Volleyball team earns academic award

The American Volleyball Coaches Association has named UTM as a recipient of the 2002-03 Team Academic Award.

The AVCA awards college and high school teams that displayed academic excellence by maintaining a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and a 4.10 cumulative team

GPA on a 5.0 scale during the school year.

UTM was one of 205 schools awarded in the United States and Korea. This number set a new record for the AVCA, beating last year's 178. Among the college ranks, 102 programs met the requirements to receive this prestigious award.

They not only stand out nationally among Division I schools, but the Skyhawks also received this award along with only two other programs in the Ohio Valley Conference. Joining them in this honor are conference opponents Morehead State University, coached by Jaime Gordon, and Southeast Missouri

State University, coached by Cindy Gannon.

Working extra hard on the court brought the Skyhawks to a final 24-6 record on the season, a regular season OVC championship, an OVC tournament championship and a berth in the first round of the NCAA women's volleyball tournament.

Now the Skyhawks display the importance of pushing that effort in the classroom as well.

Twenty-six teams that earned the AVCA Academic Award also earned a place in their respective collegiate post-season tournaments.

UTM receives this honor for the second year in a row.

## Local radio to air UTM games

WCMT Radio in Martin will once again serve as the host for the Skyhawk Radio Network this season.

The local radio station, along with WTNE-FM in Trenton, will broadcast all 12 of the University of Tennessee at Martin's football games this season, as well as a full slate of men's and women's basketball games.

The Skyhawks' season football opener against Austin Peay, Aug. 28, can be heard on WCMT-AM 1410 and WTNE-AM 1500. Air time is 6:30 p.m. The remaining games can be heard on WCMT-FM 101.7 and WTNE-FM 97.7.

Chris Brinkley, a longtime local radio air personality, will serve as the coordinator of the Skyhawk Radio Network this season.

"I am excited about this season's Skyhawk schedule," Brinkley said.

"The schedule offers fans a great opportunity to follow the Skyhawks at home and on the road. The schedule also allows advertisers and sponsors a great chance to reach potential customers and gain name recognition for their businesses."

Brinkley, part of WCMT's "Good Times in



Chris Brinkley

the Morning," will also serve as color commentator for Skyhawk football. He begins his fourth year as the Skyhawks' color commentator on the network.

Brinkley's broadcast partner is Tom Britt, WBBJ ABC 7 news anchor. Britt is a veteran news and sports radio broadcaster. He is entering his 23rd season as the Skyhawk play-by-play man for football broadcasts.

The season's format for UT Martin football games will include the "Coach Matt Griffin Show" before each game, a scouting report on the Skyhawks' opponent and other features. The coverage will also include special halftime campus features. The coverage begins each week 30 minutes before kickoff.

The two radio stations will also carry "Skyhawk Talk" each Monday during the 2003 football season.

Originating from Snappy Tomato Pizza in Martin, Brinkley will host the hourlong program from 6-7 p.m. The show will feature interviews with Skyhawk head football coach Matt Griffin, assistant coaches, players and updates on other Skyhawk sports.

"We are fortunate to have Chris Brinkley and Tom Britt calling all the action for us this season on the Skyhawk Radio Network," said Joe Lofaro, UT Martin's sports information director.

"This broadcasting team is, by far, the best in the Ohio Valley Conference."

## Volleyball Schedule

<i>All times Central</i>	Tuesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29, 1 p.m.	@ St. Louis
vs. Northwestern State	
Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.	JACKSONVILLE STATE
vs. Arkansas State	
Saturday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m.	SAMFORD
vs. Memphis	
Saturday, Aug. 30, 5 p.m.	Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
vs. Arkansas-Little Rock	@ Southern Illinois
(all at Arkansas State tournament)	
Friday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.	@ Tennessee State
vs. Mississippi State	
Saturday, Sept. 6, 12:30 p.m.	MOREHEAD
vs. Southern Mississippi	
Saturday, Sept. 6, 3 p.m.	Saturday, Oct. 18, noon
vs. Austin Peay	EASTERN KENTUCKY
(all at Mississippi State tournament)	
Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.	Friday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.
MEMPHIS	@ Southeast Missouri
Friday, Sept. 12, 5 p.m.	Saturday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
vs. James Madison	@ Eastern Illinois
Saturday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m.	Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.
vs. Toledo	@ Belmont
Saturday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.	Friday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m.
vs. Western Kentucky	@ Austin Peay
(all at Western Kentucky tournament)	Saturday, Nov. 1, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.	@ Tennessee Tech
@ Murray	Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.	MURRAY
ARKANSAS STATE	Saturday, Nov. 8, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.	TENNESSEE STATE
EVANSVILLE	Friday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.	EASTERN ILLINOIS
@ Eastern Kentucky	Saturday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27, 11 a.m.	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
@ Morehead State	Thursday, Nov. 20, through Sunday, Nov. 23, OVC Tournament
	Thursday, Dec. 4, through Saturday, Dec. 6, NCAA Tournament

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### Captains Meeting:

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### Officials Training Begins:

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### Captains Meeting:

**September 18 @ 6:00pm**

**Field House Classroom 2059**

### Officials Training Begins:

**September 15 @ 7:00pm**

**Field House Classroom 2059**

### Start Playing:

**September 24, 2003**

### Cost:

**\$50 Per team**



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# Sports information director offers season highlights

Just north of the administration building, you can hear the sounds of fall football practice. The banging of helmets to shoulder pads, the grunts of players searching deep within themselves for that extra effort, coaches barking out orders to their troops. You can see the intensity of the players as they escape from a play and then tangle with their teammates.

Just west of the administration building in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse, the sounds of volleyball practice are rampant. Almost to the beat of the techno music in the background are the sounds of monstrous kills, amazing blocks, diving digs and the chants of encouragement from winner to winner.

By the time you read this, you will also be able to go west of campus, along Skyhawk Boulevard, and hear and see the vigor of fall soccer practice.

Cross country runners, golfers, men's and women's tennis players and rifle team members will also be on campus. Their respective fall camps are under way or will soon begin. At stake for the six fall sports are Ohio Valley Conference championships. Here is a brief primer on UTM athletics.

About 300 athletes participate in 14 Skyhawk sports. Along with the six fall sports (football, women's volleyball, women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's rifle and men's golf), UTM offers men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, cheerleading and rodeo. With the exception of cheerleading and rodeo, all the teams compete in the Ohio Valley Conference, the nation's eighth oldest conference made up of 11 institutions from as far north as Charleston, Ill., to as far south as Jacksonville, Ala. Among the OVC institutions are Austin Peay and Morehead State (all sports except football), Southeast Missouri State, Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Illinois, Jacksonville State, Samford, Murray State, Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State.

Will the Skyhawks play in the Bowl Championship Series in January? No, but they compete in Division I-AA football and have a chance to participate in a true playoff format for a national championship. UTM also benefits financially from the BCS. In bas-



**Joe Lofaro**  
UTM Sports  
Information  
Director

ketball, both men's and women's teams are eligible to compete for a berth in the field of 64 teams (March Madness).

All of the other sports are also eligible to compete for national championships. This past December, the Skyhawk volleyball team traveled to Lincoln, Neb., where it played in front of more than 4,000 fans against perennial national power Nebraska.

Cheerleading and rodeo compete for their own national championships. The UTM rodeo team is a member of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) and competes in the Ozark Region. The rodeo team has an impressive history and has been ranked among the top 25 in the nation for the past 30 years.

Here's some advice on how to follow the Skyhawks throughout the year: Set a bookmark on your Internet browser for UTM-SPORTS.COM. The site includes schedules, rosters, pictures, statistics and much more. Use your student ID card for free admission to all home games except the annual spring rodeo. Don't worry, free rodeo tickets have been available for students. Show up at the games and take an active part in supporting the Skyhawks. Be vocal, be seen and make some noise. Be positive in your encouragement and get to know the athletes; after all, they are your classmates, your roommates and your friends.

Football season opens Thursday, Aug. 28, when the Skyhawks host Austin Peay at Graham Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Soccer season opens Friday, Aug. 29, when the Skyhawks host Cumberland University. Volleyball opens the home portion of its slate Sept. 9 against Memphis.

Come out and catch the Skyhawks in action. If you need season ticket information for your friends and family, call (731) 587-7685. If you want more information about Skyhawk athletics, log onto [www.utmsports.com](http://www.utmsports.com) or call me at (731) 587-7632.

## Soccer Schedule

Friday, Aug. 29, 4 p.m., Cumberland University  
 Sunday, Aug. 31, 1 p.m., Southwest Missouri  
 Friday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m., @ Stephen F Austin  
 Sunday, Sept. 7, 1 p.m., @ Arkansas State  
 Friday, Sept. 12, 5 p.m., Southeastern Louisiana  
 Skyhawk Invitational  
 Sunday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m., Arkansas-Little Rock  
 Skyhawk Invitational  
 Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4 p.m., Belmont  
 Sunday, Sept. 21, 1 p.m., Indiana Purdue-Fort Wayne  
 Friday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m., @ Jacksonville State  
 Sunday, Oct. 5, 1 p.m., @ Samford  
 Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m., @ Memphis  
 Saturday, Oct. 11, 2 p.m., Murray  
 Tuesday, Oct. 14, 5 p.m., @ Lipscomb University  
 Friday, Oct. 17, 3 p.m., SEMO  
 Sunday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m., EIU  
 Friday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m., @ Austin Peay  
 Sunday, Oct. 26, 1 p.m., @ Tennessee Tech  
 Friday, Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m., Morehead State  
 Sunday, Nov. 2, 1 p.m., UT Chattanooga  
 Wednesday, Nov. 5, through Sunday, Nov. 9, TBA, OVC  
 Championship

## Hot off the 'presses'

Want the latest sports information on your favorite Skyhawk team? Visit [www.utmsports.com](http://www.utmsports.com) regularly or pick a copy of *The Pacer* weekly, beginning Aug. 29, to get the scoop and read the highlights of campus sports activities. The Web site also features schedules and other news of interest to sports fans.

If you can't grab a paper copy of *The Pacer*, be sure to visit the newspaper's Web site, too. News you can use, including on intramurals, is just a mouse-click away at [pacer.utm.edu](http://pacer.utm.edu).

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20	at Western Illinois	Macomb, Ill.	6:05 p.m.
27	*at Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 4	*TENNESSEE TECH (HC)	MARTIN	2:00 p.m.
11	*at Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, Ala.	4:00 p.m.
18	*SAMFORD	MARTIN	4:00 p.m.
25	*at Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	*SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	MARTIN	2:00 p.m.
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